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Applicants' communication of November 21, 2008, electing Invention II, the OmpT variant of methionine 97, and a cleavage site consisting of arginine at the P1 position, in response to the restriction requirement of May 22, 2008 is deemed to be non-responsive for the following reason. None of the pending claims recite a cleavage position designated solely by arginine at the P1 position.

As explained in the restriction requirement of May 22, 2008, Applicants are required to elect one specific cleavage site listed in Claims 12-30, 34, and 35.

Applicants' are required to complete their election within one (1) month of the mailing of this communication including pointing out the specific claims that encompass the elected invention.

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